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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE DIETMAN TAKENORI KATO

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1. DIETMAN KATO MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR FOR 45 MINUTES ON JULY 23, DURING WHICH HE MADE A SET OF NOTES. MR. KATO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MASAS KAWASE, FIRST SECRETARY OF JAPANESE EMBASSY. MR. KAWASE ACTED AS TRANSLATOR, BUT MR. KATO DISPLAYED SOME SPOKEN ENGLISH AND FAIR ENGLISH COMPREHENSION.

2. MR. KATO HAD MET AMBASSADOR VOLPE ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHILE GOVERNOR OF OKAYAMA. ONCE IN DES MOINES IN 1967 AND ONCE WHEN THE AMBASSADOR VISITED JAPAN IN 1968.

3. DURING CONSULTATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, MR. KATO EXPRESSED CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMY, THE DISORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIALISTS (PSI), AND FEAR OF POSSIBLE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) PARTICIPATION IN GOI. MR. KATO WAS ALSO CONCERNED BY EFFECT OF FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S COMMENT ON ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION.

4. KATO AGREED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR IMPROVED GOJ AND USG RELATIONS. VOLPE

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